

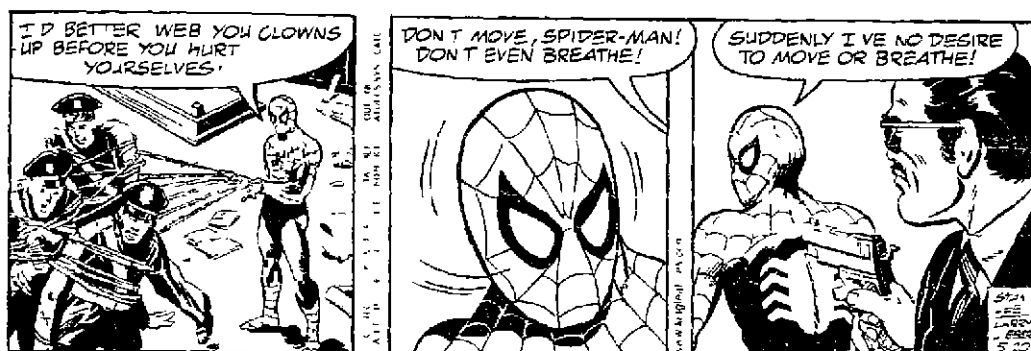
## BLONDIE



## SALLY FORTH



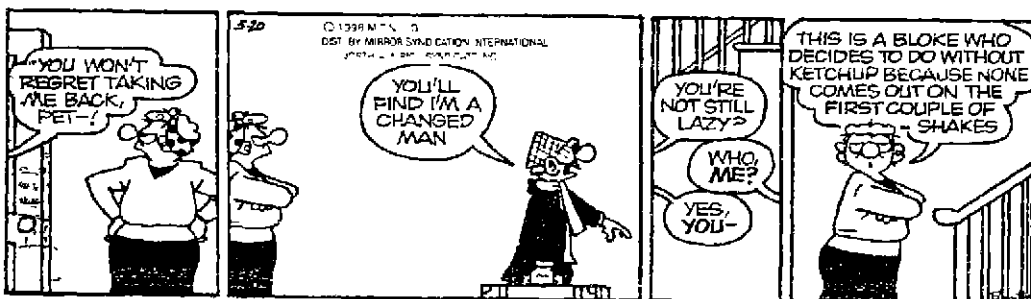
## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



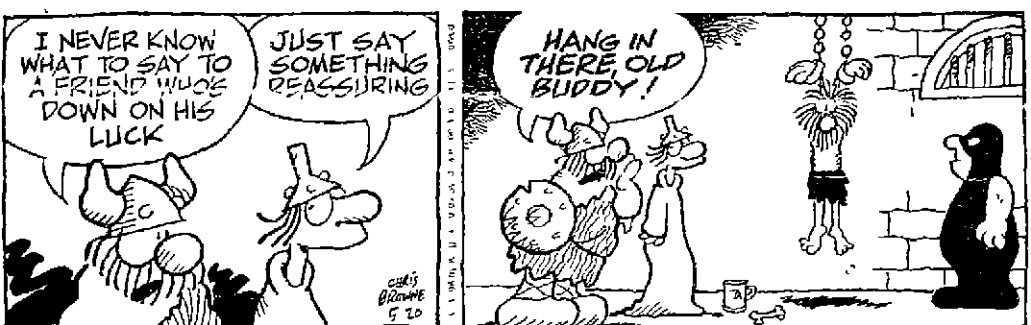
## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



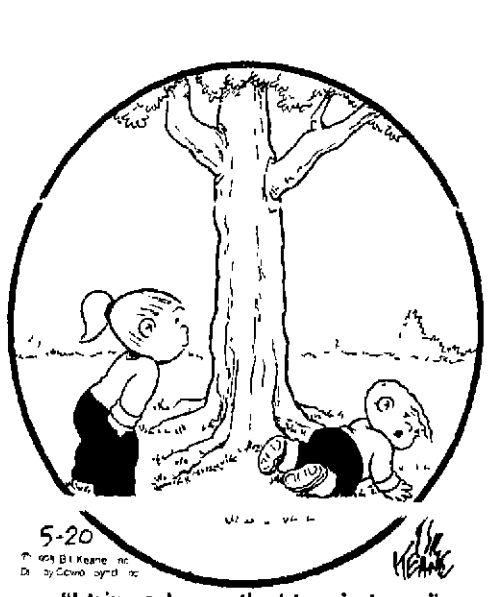
## DILBERT



## DENNIS THE MENACE



## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

Actor James McEachin is 68  
Singer Joe Cocker is 54  
Singer-Ac-  
Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 49  
Actor Dean Butler is 42  
Pop musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 40  
Actor Bronson Pinchot is 39  
Actor Tony Goldwyn is 38  
Singer Susan Cow-sill (The Cowsills) is 38  
Singer Nick Heyward (Haircut 100) is 37  
Actress Mandy Patinkin is 32  
Rock musician Tom Gorman (Belly) is 32

## I NEED HELP



## SCRABBLE

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PAR SCORE 140-150  
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. \*Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5:20 PM

For solution, see Classified.

## WORD SLEUTH

## Two sets of double letters

K G N L J Y G E C Z X V T R P  
N O L J I H E C A Y W V T R P  
N D L P R K I G E C B Z X W U  
S D P D S A S S A R G L E E S  
B E R P E S S O S M L E J S A  
E S A P P L E S E E D I E G A  
N S E D B A L L I N R L Y X K  
N S S E R D D A E M D T W U K  
E G A R R E T T P E M T T S R  
T Q A N N E T T E P R O P A A  
T T I B B A B S O N A T C L M

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ICEBERG

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: SUPERNATURAL FEMALE

|          |           |          |           |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Address  | Attendee  | Eelgrass | Seedless  |
| Annette  | Babbitt   | Garrett  | Treelless |
| Appalled | Bennett   | Markaa   | Yippie    |
| Applesed | Commissar | Matress  |           |

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For solution, see Classified.

## HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, May 21, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're questioning what a friend is telling you. Something about the story just doesn't add up. Follow your hunches.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your energy is high and your enthusiasm is, too. You buzz through your workday with a light heart.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a day of new beginnings, both at work and in your personal life. Make the most of the second chances.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your workaday routine has become boring. Look for ways to jazz things up.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) You're methodical in your approach to tasks at work, and you manage to execute each one.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your playful mood has everyone around you amused. You know, it's not often you expose your playful side.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're in high gear on the job, and others are swept along with you. You can handle multiple tasks at once.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You're glad your workweek is winding down. However, don't use that as an excuse to slack off.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You're likely to get enmeshed in a club activity. Afternoon hours bring a happy surprise.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Letting someone else take the lead for a while is fine. Just be sure you don't get too comfortable in a secondary position.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Reminiscing with an old friend is fun and exciting. You might reignite a failed romance.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Instead of jumping into the fray, stand back and let others handle their own affairs. In the long run, you'll be better off.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I got your message for the heart shift," offered a repentant West. "Too bad you didn't have the heart 10." "I didn't need the heart 10," replied East. "I had the nine, and that was enough to do the job." South took dummy's diamond ace and cashed dummy's trump jack. Next he took the club finesse. When it held, he cashed his club ace and ruffed a club in dummy. With the black suits eliminated, South led the diamond nine from dummy. East alertly played low, allowing West to win his 10. So far, so good. Had East won the diamond trick, he would have been employed. A minor-suit lead would offer a ruff and snuff and a heart shift wouldn't work. If East leads hearts, South can manage to avoid three heart losers. Now it was West's turn to shine. Unfortunately, he cashed for too much. He cashed his heart king and led his jack, hoping for West to have the ace and 10. Dummy covered and East won, but South's 10 was the game-going trick. West read East's intentions accurately but failed the test of common sense. West's winning play is to lead the heart jack after winning his diamond 10. This play wins not only when East has the 10, but when East has the nine. If dummy covers, East wins and returns the suit for three tricks. And if dummy doesn't cover, West continues the suit for the same one down.

**NORTH** 05 29 A  
♥ K J 10 7 6 4  
♦ Q 7 5  
♣ A 9  
♠ 6 2

**WEST** 05 29 A  
♥ 5  
♦ K J 8  
♣ J 10 6 4 3  
♠ 10 9 5 4

**EAST** 05 29 A  
♥ A 2  
♦ A 9 6 2  
♣ K Q 7 5  
♠ K J 8 3

**SOUTH** 05 29 A  
♥ A Q 9 8 3  
♦ 10 4 3  
♣ C  
♠ A Q 7

Vulnerable: North South  
Dealer: East

The bidding:

East 1♦ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 4♠  
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

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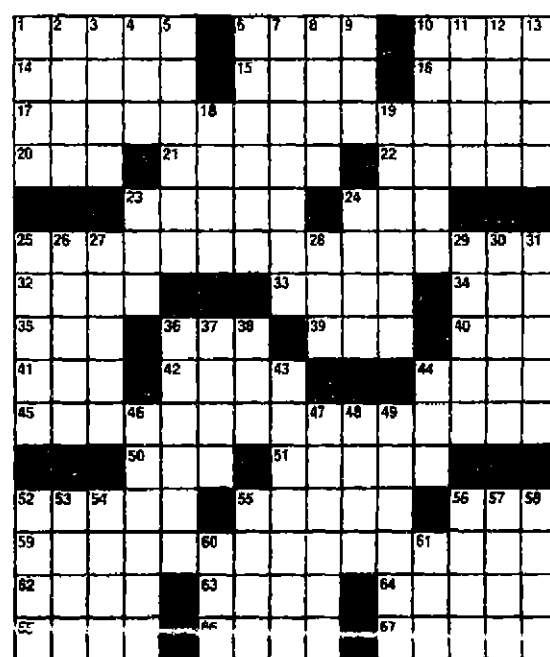
- 1 Sporty Mazda
- 6 Name for a colleen
- 10 Actor Johnny Tannenbaum
- 14 Tannenbaum topper
- 15 "Tell — lies"
- 16 Lamb alias
- 17 1981 drama starring Treat Williams
- 20 D.C. dignitary
- 21 Prelim
- 22 Slip cover?
- 23 "— jolly swagman" ("Waltzing Matilda" start)
- 24 Soul, in Soissons
- 25 Spenser opus
- 32 It's right in the atlas
- 33 It may be proper
- 34 Frequent Powell co star
- 35 Dalloway or Doubtfire
- 36 XXX drink, in the comics
- 39 Singing the blues
- 40 — Lilly and Co.
- 41 Princess tormentor
- 42 Kind of dancer
- 44 Arabian Sea nation
- 45 Tennyson's 12-poem series
- 50 Shoebox letters
- 51 Isn't insensitive
- 52 "Bulletproof" actor Henry
- 55 Photographer Cartier-Bresson
- 56 Scheming
- 58 Expressionistic O'Neil play
- 62 A driver may change one
- 63 Goalish glance
- 64 Get out of bed
- 65 Bookie's quote
- 66 Auto pioneer
- 67 Overexcited

## DOWN

- 1 They may provide relief
- 2 Appropos of
- 3 Opposed to, in Dogpatch
- 4 Rare gymnastics score
- 5 Handel opera
- 6 Ham
- 7 Chorus
- 8 Gung-ho about
- 9 Japanese drama
- 10 Authoritative order
- 11 Writer Wiesel
- 12 Orchestra areas
- 13 Is beneficial
- 16 Suffix with differ
- 19 Onetime
- 22 Frequently, poetically
- 24 Blue hue
- 25 Adagio and allegro

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMOS CARAT AMAS  
BABE AMANA MOLT  
BROADWAY DISPLAY  
AXE EDIE HELIX  
ELON OMAR  
MAHLER ACADEMIC  
ABERT GLEN ELI  
SURVEILLANCE AID  
UISIO MIEN HALVE  
HENECADE GABRIEL  
VOTE OBIT  
THROB CELS JOE  
BOOKIES OFFERING  
ABBE CANOE INCA  
ROBS OTTER OXEN



Puzzle by Mervyn S. Ross

- 26 Ran fast, in England
- 27 16-Across work
- 28 Aurora's Greek counterpart
- 29 Varnish resin
- 30 Pitcher Ryan
- 31 Gawking at
- 34 Radiant
- 37 Mabel's
- 38 Narcissist's problem
- 43 Bid
- 44 Endorses
- 46 Some banks
- 47 Barbershop quartet members
- 48 Munich Mr.
- 49 Mendelssohn oratorio
- 52 Normandy battle site
- 53 "— no idea!"
- 54 Play the pawnbroker
- 55 Bread end
- 56 Use shears
- 57 — majesty
- 58 River of Flanders
- 60 Arafat's grp.
- 61 "Kid" of jazz

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